

*Executive Proclamation*  
*State of South Dakota*  
*Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Alvina Straub was born on December 11, 1908, in Danzig, North Dakota, the eldest of 13 children; and,

*Whereas*, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

*Whereas*, Alvina was united in marriage to Fred Brinkman in 1926, and to this union four children were born, who went on to procreate fifteen grandchildren, in 1972 Alvina married Nicholas Lichter; and,

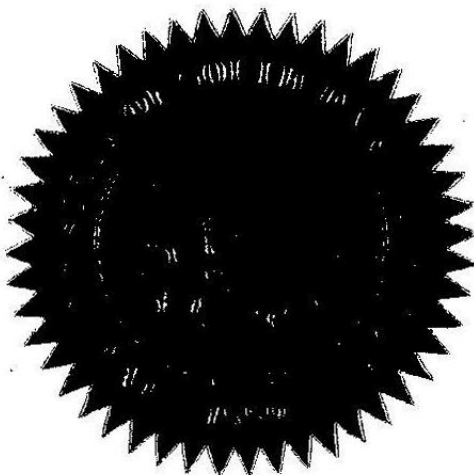
*Whereas*, Alvina will observe her 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 11, 2003, as

*ALVINA BRINKMAN LICHTER DAY*

in South Dakota, and I join all her many friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighth Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.



*M. Michael Rounds*  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

*Chris Nelson*  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State